



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Examiner:
Stephen D. Pacetti et al.	Erma C. Cameron
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated August 16, 2006, please consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. (A Substitute Specification with marked up version submitted concurrently herewith.)

A listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.